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Reply to Attn. of:

SFSP -394

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Subject:

Final Rule – Summer Food Service Program (SFSP): Program Meal Service During the School Year, Paperwork Reduction, and Targeted State Monitoring,

Dated December 29, 1999

To:

STATE AGENGY DIRECTORS - (Child Nutrition Programs)

Colorado ED, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri DH, Montana OPI, Nebraska, North Dakota,

South Dakota, and Utah

We have reviewed the Final Rule, dated December 29, 1999. There are several changes made to the SFSP that you will note when you read the Final Rule; however, there are two areas that we would like to bring to your attention now.

First of all, the Final Rule amends 225.6(c)(2)(i)(F) which stated before the change that the geographic area to be served by a site must be included on the site information sheet portion of the application. The Final Rule removed this specific language with no explanation in the preamble. However, the preamble to the Proposed Rule, dated October 13, 1998, states that the geographic information is duplicative as it is already collected under 225.6(c)(2)(ii). Part 225.6(c)(2)(ii) does not specifically state that the geographic area must be identified. It was not the intent of this Final Rule to remove the requirement of the geographic area to be served from the application. Therefore, please ensure that the geographic area served by each site continues to be identified in the application process.

Secondly, please review the new monitoring requirements found in 225.7(d)(2)(ii). The monitoring requirements are totally different from those requirements of the past.

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